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LOCAL MATTERS.

Weather Forecasts.

Mr. Hicks gives the following forecasts for the approaching seven days:

The period from 17th to 22d passed, cold weather will remain. Reactionary storms will take place about 25th and will probably be prolonged. A sweeping cold wave will end the month.

MOON'S PHASES.—New moon, 5; first quarter, 13; full moon, 19; last quarter, 27.

—Crocuses and dandilions are blooming in the open air.

—The Fairlee creamery it is expected will commence operations on March 1.

—Thousands of peach trees have been or are being dug up in Kent county.

—The irrepressible "green goods" men are flooding Baltimore with circulars. Kent has had her flood.

—The paper mill is temporarily closed down. Straw is still being hauled and work will resume at an early date.

—Chestervlle paid 95 cents per hundred pounds for milk during the past month. Kennedyville paid $1, and Sassafras $1.

—A prominent peach grower from the Washington county peach belt, says that the peaches are in no danger. The buds have not swollen.

—A very decided electrical storm passed over Chestertown on Monday night. No rain fell but the lightning was for a short time extremely vivid.

—Mr. C. W. Kibler, living near Chester bridge, in Queen Anne's, has been awarded the contract for repairing the entire road system of the seventh district, at $1050.

—Noah Perry caught two large herring in Morgan's Creek on Monday. With a little more open weather the run is expected to be on in the course of ten days.

—The steam launch used by Mr. C. T. Collins in towing lumber to his factory, has been on the ways, having repairs made to her machinery. C. W. Baumgardner, the machinist, did the work.

—The Salisbury *Advertiser* says Kent county has taken the "Tomato craze." It wouldn't be a bad idea, so far as the county is concerned, for our Wicomico friends to adopt some kind of profitable "craze."

—B. F. Flounders, a former graduate of Washington College, and John G. Constable, a frequent visitor of Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., are members of a debating club organized by the law students of Elkton.

—The early bird may catch the worm, but its only the wealthy bird which catches the early strawberry now on the Baltimore city market. The choice bits are selling at $1.00 per box, which is five cents apiece, there being about twenty in a box.

—The new Ericsson line steamer, Anthony S. Groves, Jr., passed through the canal on Saturday morning of last week on its way to Philadelphia. This boat has not been running full time this winter, but has now begun her regular trips.

—To-day, Washington's birthday, February 22, being a legal holiday, the banks and all public offices will be closed. The Chestertown postoffice will be open in the morning until after the train leaves at 6.45; from 12 M. to 2 P. M., and from 7 to 8 P. M.

—Col. Legg has prepared and will shortly introduce a bill in the House of Delegates, which provides that the waters of Chester river shall, for fishing purposes, be in common to the citizens of Queen Anne's and Kent, but that the tributaries of Chester river on the Queen Anne's side shall be open only to the citizens of that county.

—Mr. William E. Moody, our local Davy Crockett, was last week presented by a Philadelphia friend with a splendid boat, seventeen feet long, weighing one hundred pounds and peculiarly adapted to the needs of river gunning. The boat is trimmed in hard wood, oil finish, spoon oars, and is one of the finest boats on the Chester for general hunting purposes.

—Five Philadelphia vessels were in Baltimore last week after cargoes of oysters for the Philadelphia market. They paid as high as seventy cents per bushel. The average catch of "selects" is five bushels a day for a small boat. Extra pains are taken with these oysters, which must be in good condition and pass inspection, as they are counted and sold by the hundred in Philadelphia.

—The peach growers of Sharpsburg district, in the "Western Maryland peach belt," held a rousing meeting last week relative to securing transportation rates, to decide upon the style of packages, and to discuss the best fertilizer. The Western Maryland growers believe in "taking the bull by the horns," while the average Kent county grower, if he gets on to the animal's nether extremity at all, is satisfied to believe that "The Lord will provide" the rest.

—Postmaster-General Bissell has sent out an order with reference to letters sent to the Honduras Lottery Company, formerly known as the Louisiana Lottery. The order directs that all letters directed to the company shall be returned to the sender in conformity to the law prohibiting sending any lottery matter through the United States mails. Postmaster Brown states that this order will effect all offices of the county and State as well as of the United States.

—Young man beware. Joseph Simpson, near Bridgeville, Delaware, was recently swindled out of $115 and 20 bushels of corn by a gypsy woman. She induced him to give the money on a promise of telling him where to find a fortune of $100,000,000 in gold, and the corn was to pay for a wife to share his fortune with him. She made an appointment to meet him the last day of January and tell him where to find his fortune, but of course did not appear, and now he is fruitlessly scouring the country in search of the Gypsy.

—A battle occurred on Saturday morning between a Virginia oyster police schooner and a fleet of Maryland dredgers. About thirty vessels, schooners and pungies bore down from Maryland waters and began dredging. Captain Reed, of the Virginia police vessel, sailed up to them and notified them that they were in Virginia waters and ordered them off. As they failed to obey, Captain Reed fired across the bow of the nearest boat. The whole fleet then closed on Captain Reed in a semicircle and swept his deck with their rifles. Captain Reed had only five men on board the police-boat, while the dredgers were fully one hundred and fifty strong, all armed with Winchester rifles. The captain fought until his ammunition gave out, when he sailed into Tangier Island, got a fresh supply of powder and returned to battle. The battle continued until daylight dawned. Captains containing the stamina of Captains Howard, Kerr, Hyland or Horney are what the Virginia navy needs.

—An exciting runaway occurred on Chester bridge on Friday morning. Pere Cahall was bringing cream from the Church Hill separator to the Chestertown creamery, the cans being tied in a dearborn. The morning was cold and disagreeable, and when near Chester bridge Mr. Cahall determined to get out and walk. In getting out of the dearborn the robe caught his feet and he was thrown to the ground. This frightened the horse which at once broke into a full run, and at that gait crossed Chester bridge, but when on the Kent side W. H. Lambert, Jr., and Bridge Keeper Jones stopped the team. No damage was done. Fortunately no teams were met by the runaway on the bridge.

Public School Children, Attention!

The county W. C. T. U. offer three prizes to the school children of Kent county for the best Temperance essay. One of 10 dollars to the 7th and 8th grades. One of 8 dollars to the 5th and 6th grades. One of 5 dollars to 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th grades. Due notice will be given of the particular subjects selected and the time for their presentation. Who will work for this, children?

Lost His Case.

Judge Morris, on Friday, filed an opinion in the case of Jacob T. Mister against comptroller M. deK. Smith and the other members of the Board of Public Works, for $10,000 damages for the killing of his son, Capt. John W. Mister, who was shot and killed by a shot fired from the oyster police boat Maria, on Nov. 10. Capt. Mister was fleeing from the State vessel when shot. Governor Brown, Comptroller Smith and Treasurer Jones, members of the board, were sued as individuals, and recovery was sought against them personally. The court said: "The fault charged against the defendants, is, substantially, that they did not instruct the commander of the sloop Maria to refrain from shooting, when the circumstances were such as are alleged to have existed when Mister was shot. The court holds that the connection of the defendants is purely an official one. The duties of the deputy commanders are prescribed by law, and not by the Board of Public Works, nor by the commander-in-chief, and it is the law which authorizes the use of arms. It is apparent that these defendants have no right to instruct deputy commanders when to shoot or when not to shoot in the enforcement of the law. The authority was given for such use by the Legislature of Maryland." The court also sustained the demurrer to the bill in the case of William H. Riggin, who was hurt on the Helen Baughman by the falling of the main-boom, of the vessel. He also sued the Board of Public Works.

Of Personal Interest.

Miss Mary Hurtt was present at the magnificent entertainment given by the Paint and Powder Club, of Baltimore last week.

Mr. Edward J. Kennard was the recipient last week, of a box of splendid oranges shipped from the orange groves in Florida. The fruit was sent by Mrs. M. A. Skirven, who with her daughter, Miss Addie Kennard, is wintering in the land of flowers.

Mr. C. G. Woodall, formerly of the TRANSCRIPT, is connected with the Equitable Life Insurance Company at its Baltimore branch, Equitable building. He is just now in Chestertown, and expects to be here for a week or so.

Mrs. George E. Noland, after five weeks at the John's Hopkins Hospital under treatment, has returned to her home, under the care of her former physician, Dr. W. Frank Hines, whose treatment was thoroughly endorsed by the Baltimore specialists.

Mr. E. T. Comegys, who has been engaged in the grain business in Chestertown for about two years, will go to Baltimore the first of next month in the commission business, at his old stand, 222 S. Charles street. Mr. Comegys has been engaged in the grain-buying business for many years, and is largely experienced in buying and selling grain.

Prof. C. W. Proctor must excuse us for giving publicity to personal matters, but the following dainty tribute to our fair land from far away Kirkville, Missouri, is too good to be put "under a bushel." Then too, the Professor's friends will be glad to hear from him. He writes as follows: "I enclose one dollar to pay for the TRANSCRIPT, the weekly reminder of the land of oysters, terrapin and peaches; the home of the shad and herring; the land where—well, I'll not tell all of the glories of that land, but send you kindest greetings. We are happy, prosperous and enjoy good health. We wish you like blessing."

Mr. J. Thomas Brown, of Quaker Neck, entertained a number of gentlemen at a fox-hunting supper last night. An exciting fox hunt was enjoyed during the day, and the supper came in as a royal culmination to the glorious event. Among the large number who participated were: "Doc" William Cooper, John Brice, R. D. Hynson, Joseph E. and Frank Gilpin, George Brice, Ray Bowers, Biddle Hossinger, Frank Morris, James Bennett, Albert Story, Joseph Kendall, John Deputy, Thomas Maslin and a number of others.

Mr. Samuel J. Hill, of near locust Grove, while returning from Chestertown on Thursday last, was seized with virdigo and had to be lifted from his carriage upon reaching home. Mr. Hill had been to Chestertown on business and was apparently in good health. The report at once spread that he had been stricken with apoplexy or paralysis, but a medical investigation dispelled the idea, and the case was pronounced, we are informed, simple virdigo.

Miss Bertha Hayes, of Locust Grove, and cousin, Miss Lydia Hall, of Wilmington, spent several days thi week the guests of friends and relatives in Chestertown.

Court News.

County Commissioners court, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1894. All present. Mr. Jones, keeper of Chester bridge paid over to the board $2.50 for fast driving on said bridge. Geo. Stevens, supervisor in 5th district on section 10 and 11, presented his official bond; James H. Graves presented his official bond on section 2d in 5th district; Albert L. Corey presented his official bond in 5th district, section 10. All of which were examined and approved and accepted and filed by order of the board.

The following accounts were examined and allowed and ordered to be provided for by levy in '94, viz: Richard F. Moffett, per diem as judge of the orphans' court, eleven days, certified by register of wills, $44; John T. Bowers, election clerk in third district per diem, $4; Wm. K. Judefind, judge of election for the 5th district, two days per diem $8.

Orphans' court, Feb. 20, 1894. Present judges Harris, Moffett and Burgess. Thomas A. Parsons, executor of Thos. C. Parsons, filed account sales of the personal property of said deceased. Charles T. Westcott, administrator of Annie E. Gale filed first and final administration account of said deceased. Wm. J. Coleman, one of the administrators of Alexander R. Parks, filed account of sales of the personal property of said deceased. Charles T. Westcott, trustee, filed report of sales of real estate of Charles W. Jones.

HANDSOME RESIDENCES.

Mr. J. K. Aldridge and family moved into their remodeled and handsome Front street home on Monday last. The residence has been completely remodeled, newly painted and to a great extent newly furnished, until it is safe to say that it is to-day one of the most elegant homes in the county. The parlor is handsomely china-glossed, and has a tall mantel, mirrored with French plate glass, and tiled fireplace. The dining room and dining chamber are beautifully finished in polished antique oak, and the parlor chamber in polished white pine, natural wood. The hall is of Queen Anne style, and is finished in polished oak. All of the rooms have handsome mirrored mantels and tiled fireplaces.

The walls of the back building are all painted, and the doors finished in three shades known as parti-colors. The exterior of the residence is painted in a yellow-brown relieved with buff. Mr. Frank H. Howard, assisted by his efficient corps of painters, Messrs. Wm. P. and Charles Howard, Alvin Willis and Samuel Crouch did the painting, and a splendid piece of work it is. Messrs. Robert K. Pippin and Sons did the carpenter work, assisted by Messrs. Joiner and Ayres. Messrs. William Pennell and George Wirts did the masonry.

The old building on what is known as the Perkins farm, adjoining the northern suburb of Chestertown, was torn down this week. The property is beautifully situated on Chester river, and is now owned by Hope H. Barroll, Esq., who in the spring will replace the old building with one of the most costly and handsome residences in the county. Specifications and drawings are now being prepared, and at as early date as possible the work of building will commence. The building which has given way to the proposed improvement, was one of the old landmarks of Chestertown, and was built more than a century ago. It is impossible to determine exactly the date or for whom the house was erected, but it is known that ninety years ago an old Mr. Morgan occupied the residence, and it is well known to many of us, that one of the splendid springs which partially supplies Chestertown with water, was on the property, and is still known as Morgan's spring. The bricks of the building had so completely given way that it was possible to pierce with an iron bar, an eighteen-inch wall at one blow.

OBITUARY.

AARON W. WELCH.

Aaron W. Welch, a highly respected citizen and successful farmer, living near Chestertown, died on Monday afternoon, about 4.30 o'clock. Mr. Welch was taken sick with typhoid-pneumonia in December, and before the fever subsided suffered a stroke of paralysis, which was followed by congestion of the lungs, from which he died. Before he was taken sick, Mr. Welch conceived the idea that he was to die soon, and accordingly arranged all of his papers and business matters, and explained everything to his daughter. From the first day of his sickness he insisted that he would never recover. He was born in New Jersey, on November 29, 1841, and about twenty-five years ago came to Maryland, since which time he has lived continuously near Chestertown, and by economy and industry succeeded in collecting a valuable personalty. His wife, a Miss Woodall, sister of J. F. M. Woodall, of Georgetown, died last September. He leaves two grown daughters and two small children, boy and girl, the boy being about twelve years of age. A quiet, industrious and unobtrusive gentleman, the deceased built up a large circle of warm personal friends. The funeral will take place at his late home, this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Crumpton cemetery.

WILLIAM S. MERRITT.

Mr. Wm. S. Merritt, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, died last Friday evening at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Emily A. Hurtt, at Millington, from paralysis. Mr. Merritt received the first stroke nine years ago, five weeks after the death of his wife, Mrs. Jamima Merritt, and has been partially helpless in his left side since. While sitting in Scotten's hotel, Millington, two weeks ago, he received the second stroke and was carried to Mrs. Hurtt's, when one week later he received the third stroke which terminated in his death. Mr. Merritt, before his first stroke of paralysis, was an active business man in Millington, and was said to be the best mathematician in the place. At one time he did business with the late Jesse K. Hines. He has always made Millington his home except several years ago, when he went in the commission business in Baltimore, and for two or three years he made his home with his nephew, Mr. J. H. Hurtt, Chestertown. He was sixty-six years of age, and leaves one son, E. L. Merritt, a rising young commission merchant at the West Philadelphia Market House. His funeral took place Sunday afternoon, and was in charge of J. L. Smith. The interment was in Millington cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Burke. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. R. F. Moffett, E. J. Moffett, J. R. Jones, C. P. Loper, J. W. Duling, T. J. McWhorter.

Chester Alliance.

Chester Alliance met at the residence of of George S. Biddle, on Thursday afternoon last. Those present were: Messrs. John Bell, J. M. J. Byron, Wm. Ford, George S. Biddle, G. H. Atkinson, Wm. Vansant, Daniel McKee, J. E. Morris, J. L. Deputy, Josiah Massey, E. N. Roland, H. I. Parsons, P. G. Wilmer, Wm. McKee, Wm. Goodhand, Alexander Crew, and Wm. Tarbutton. Under the head of new business, letters were read from Balgiano & Sons, and John T. Jakes, extensive seedman, relative to tomato seed, etc. The petition given in another column concerning the terms of county commissioners, was passed after much discussion, It was urged that those favoring the petition, sign it as soon as possible in order that it be sent to Annapolis at as early date as possible. The petition will be found at Stam's drug store. Mr. Byron and Mr. Parks submitted samples of clover seed. The subject of tomato culture was then taken up and discussed at some length. The subject for discussion at the next meeting, to be held at the residence of John L. Deputy, at 2 o'clock P. M., March 1, will be: "The most profitable poultry for a farmer to raise."

Tomato Notes.

The farmers in the vicinity of Kennedyville are making strenuous efforts to secure another cannery at that point. The Baldwin Brothers will open their cannery, but it is claimed that without the slightest trouble or without in any way interfering with the Baldwin enterprise, from 200 to 250 acres of tomatoes can be secured. The farmers are looking for some one having capital and experience, and say that to the proper man the situation will be made interesting.

Mr. Bartus Trew, it was stated at the last Chester Alliance meeting, is endeavoring to secure two hundred acres of tomatoes, the fruit to be delivered on Chester river at $7 per ton, 65 baskets to the ton.

OF A SOCIAL NATURE.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Nicholson will entertain a number of friends at their home this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Kendall held a variety wedding at their home near Chestertown, on Friday evening last. Quite a number of friends were present, and the occasion was one of much enjoyment.

Messrs. George Brice, Frank Gilpin, William Cooper, John Deputy and James Bennett, were the guests of Mr. Richard G. Duckett, near Booker's wharf, on Wednesday of last week at a fox hunt. After a glorious hunt, the visitors were entertained at a splendid supper. Mr. and Mrs. Duckett, Mr. R. D. Duckett Jr., and Miss Duckett, all extended a royal hospitality.

Rev. J. L. Mills, pastor of St. James M. P. Church, was given a pleasant surprise on Wednesday evening of last week. The affable pastor, who counts himself so many years young rather than old, was in sympathy with his guests, and enjoyed the rollicksome pleasure of the evening. The following programme was rendered with Mrs. Harry Willis presiding at the organ: Solo, Miss Belle Frame; reading by Mrs. M. D. Mills; chorus followed by solo by Dr. J. L. Mills; reading by Mr. Wm. B. Willis; duet by Misses Annie Willis and Tene Alrich. Mr. Lou Alrich delighted those present with his singing and playing. Sealed comic valentines in two sets, one for the ladies and one for the gentlemen, were numbered, and then the momentous act of "drawing one's partner" commenced. Those drawing corresponding numbers were "paired," for the evening at least. Splendid refreshments were served at 10 o'clock, and the evening was charmingly closed.

Members of the Mt. Vernon Literary Society, of Washington College, will hold a banquet at Shuster's dining parlors, this evening, commencing at 8.45. A harpist from Baltimore, will discourse sweet music during the evening, and a splendid menu will be prepared for the feasters. Mr. U. L. Gordy, one of the most active of the Mount Vernon's members, will act as toastmaster, prefacing his official duties by appropriate remarks. Eben F. Perkins, Esq., one of the original founders of the society, will very appropriately respond to the toast: "Founding of the Mount Vernon"; Harry G. Simpers: "Our Faculty"; James A. Pearce, Esq.: "The Advantages of having a Society;" G. E. Williamson: "Our Society;" C. T. Westcott, Esq.: "The Mount Vernon as I Knew It;" J. F. Carey: "Our Visitors and Governors;" Dr. C. W. Reid: "Our College;" Norman Perkins: "The Philomathean Rebellion;" C. F. Stam: "The Alumni;" T. G. Baxter: "Our Prospects."

The Mount Vernon was organized in 1845, and has enjoyed a career of unbroken usefulness and prosperity, and has on its roll of membership some of the brightest names in our State and county history.

Washington's birthday will be appropriately celebrated at Washington College this morning, with an elaborate and finely arranged programme. It is peculiarly appropriate that the time-honored institution, which claims the honor of bearing the name of that most illustrious American citizen and statesman, as well as having had him participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the intellectual temple, should appropriately celebrate the day. The programme will be opened with prayer by Prof. Tinsley, followed by music by a quartette consisting of Miss Mollie Parks, Miss Julia Thompson, Dr. H. L. Dodd and Mr. Albert Biscoe. James A. Pearce, Esq., will deliver an address, followed by a declamation by Mr. Carey. After this will come music by the quartette followed by an address by Prof. Humphreys, closing with a grand chorus by the quartette. The exercises will commence at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

A RAINBOW AND BASKET SOCIAL.

"United" Y. met in regular session on Monday evening, at which time it was decided to hold a rainbow and basket social, followed by a contest in *drawing*, and the affair promises to be (just as all of the "Y's" social contributions have always been) a most charming occasion. Now, here is what will be expected: Every lady, whether member or not, will prepare a basket or box with refreshments for two. The character of the contents will be left entirely to the fair contributor. She will also prepare an apron and necktie, the apron to be worn by her and the tie to be placed in the box or basket. Each gentleman will buy a basket or box for 10 cts., and will then seek the lady wearing the apron corresponding with the tie found in his purchase. When found, the contents of package will be enjoyed by the thusly-formed partners for the feast. The "Y" will be glad to have any friends join with them on the occasion, February 27, in making it one of rare enjoyment,—and remember, every lady must bring the desired apron and a well-stored basket, or the consequence will be—no refreshments. Prizes will be awarded in the drawing contest.

The "Y Social" held in the chapel of Washington College last night, was one of the most pleasant of the present season. The programme was elaborate and varied. Prof. Clarke rendered a highly enjoyable recitation, which was followed by a "crayon social" or drawing contest. The ones succeeding best in potraying on the blackboard their respective objects were to lead in a promenade, while those failing most signally brought up the "booby" or rear position. Prof. Burris with his class in Indian club swingers gave a splendid exhibition of grace and ease of motion in swinging clubs. The entertainment was a delightful success and was much enjoyed by members and friends of the "Y."

An enjoyable entertainment was that given at the home of Rev. J. W. Easley to the members of the Chestertown Epworth League Tuesday evening, February twentieth. The affair was essentially a social, as may be seen in the fact that one young lady conversed with seventy-four persons in a half hour.

Promptly at half-past seven o'clock the guests began to arrive, and were most cordially met by the pastor and his wife, while Miss Joey and Master Philip, showed the guests where to lay aside their wraps. The feature of the evening was a conversational game. A card was given each one with instructions that whoever conversed with the greatest number in a half hour should be given a prize, and to the one having the least number of names, a booby prize, the one opening the conversation being privileged to write the name of the person addressed upon his card. From the time word was given to start, there was a great confusion of tongues, but a more good-natured crow could hardly be found. Long before the time expired, a number of cards were filled, so time was called, cards collected and given to a committee who were to count the names and award the prizes. Ham sandwiches, coffee, chocolate and wafers were served by a number of young ladies. A most pleasing part of the programme was a recitation by Miss Stiles, entitled "The Good Old Songs," which was very nicely rendered. Capt. Jos. W. Thompson also gave a fine selection, after which the prizes were awarded. Miss Anna Lambert having seventy-four names on her card, was given the first prize, which was a dainty cup and saucer. There being three contestants for the booby prize, they were requested to draw for it. The contestants were Mrs. M. H. Brown, Capt. Jos. Thompson and Capt. Anthony. Capt. Anthony drew the booby, which was a china tea set. Quite a number of songs were sung, after which all returned to their homes with recollections of one of the most pleasant socials of the Epworth League, and a most delightful evening at the parsonage.

ANOTHER "MUM SOCIABLE."

The cozy and sweet little home of Mr. Dan'l E. Jewell was brilliantly illuminated to its very summit, and could be seen in the far off distance on Tuesday last, to call together a union, that warmer "bonds of friendship" might be formed, and those who had the disposition for society or conversation took advantage of mingling together to lend a hand of assistance in the help of consecration. Mr. Jewell's attractive daughters in their sweet manner, welcomed the numerous guests to their abode with heart-felt greetings which showed that they were interested in the welfare of the point which they wish to gain. The spacious rooms and halls on this occasion, showed by their fixation that good taste was exhibited. The multitudinous throng of happy faces and cheerful hearts, seemed to be all aglow with feelings of unfeigned pleasure, and when the invitation was extended to the visitors to repair to the dining hall, everything was perfection in regard to gastronomy, and all showed by their smiling countenance, that they appreciated their luxurious treat, although at the expense of a deal of trouble, but we know it was carried though with willing hearts and ready hands. We sincerely hope that these "social gatherings" may continue to prosper in the "financial matter," as well as in enjoyment. No doubt "Our Heavenly Father" will bountifully bless us in our noble work while we persevere to make it a success. When the hour of separation was at hand, we all most heartily extended many thanks to this happy family for their kindness in securing us an evening of universal amusement, and left, soon to be under the protection of our "Maker" in the quiet slumbers of the peaceful night. These sociables will be held every week. Come one, come all, and help us in our work. Admittance 10 cts. Allowed to talk the whole evening for the small sum of 30 cts. VISITOR.

Church Notes.

Rev. A. Batte, of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Church Hill, has received a call from the vestry of Shrewsbury Church, this county.

Rev. C. T. Denroche, rector of St. Paul's P. E. Church, is holding services at the homes of his parishioners during Lent.

Rev. Thomas E. Coulbourn, of Lynchburg, Va., preached strong sermons at Christ M. P. Church, both Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. D. L. Greenfield, pastor of Christ M. P. Church, commenced his protracted services on Sunday evening last. Mr. Greenfield is being assisted by Revs. Thos. E. Coulbourn, of Lynchburg, Va., and J. W. Kirk and W. B. Judefind, of Baltimore.

A branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions has been formed among the ladies of Emmanuel P. E. Church in this town. Mrs. Sousa, of Baltimore city, who is secretary of the Maryland branch, addressed the ladies in the Sunday school room on Tuesday evening last. She spoke of the large amount of work in the mission field that had been accomplished by women, and the strenuous efforts they are now making to extend the mission work of the church all over the world.

TOLCHESTER BRIEFS.

The Fishing Season Commenced—Extensive Improvements Planned—A Minister Needed.

Feb. 21, 1894.

MESSRS. COLLINS & HOPPER.—*Gents:*—The welcome visit of the steamer Emma Giles, on Saturday last, and the large crowd that took advantage of it, reminded us of the fact that spring is not so far off. Already the fishermen are on the shore and are hard at work driving stakes, etc. Twelve layouts representing about two thousand dollars, and thirty or thirty-five men are all in sight of Tolchester wharf. Some fish are now on, mostly perch and herring.

At the Beach, very little is at present being done, since the completion of the new wharf, but a large force of laborers will be put to work as soon as spring opens. Several new buildings and extensive enlargements of old ones are already planned, with other minor improvements.

Some of our progressive farmers have much of their early spring work done.

Quite a number of this vicinity are or have recently been sick, and although the greater number are of a Methodist turn of mind, we have not had a Methodist minister in touch to say a word of good cheer to the sick, or point the dying to the Lamb that taketh away the sins of the world. Surely a church needs a preacher for more then preaching only. Without any censuring, let us Methodists think over this a little, while we have time. HAPS.

FROM CRUMPTON.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT.—All the churches (and they represent the three great branches of Methodism), of Chesterville, Crumpton and Double Creek are hustling in one way or another, to pay off ministerial claims. The pastors of the several charges are in good repute among the people, and no doubt will return another conference year to their present fields of labor.

The white caps have been threatening a raid on this place. One of our gentry, long and well-know, has received several letters of notification to move out and move off in a given time. He has bought, borrowed or begged a pistol and vows he will give them a warm reception of shot and shell. Just why such action is taken at this time against our friend is difficult to define.

Mr. Prior Armstrong goes from our midst March 1st to the proprietorship of Hotel Kenton, Delaware. Mr. Geo. Harrison, Jr., and family will probably occupy the Armstrong dwelling.

It is rumored that Mr. C. B. Tracy, will in the early spring retire from the agency of the Chester river steamboat company. Some think that Mr. Samuel Rolph, already on the ground, will be his successor.

The Crumpton creamery, with others in the neighborhood on account of reduced rate of butter, will cut down this month on price of milk. Mr. Massey, the proprietor, thinks he can promise his patrons better things for the month of March.

We are to have a new justice of the peace, a new collector of taxes and a new officer of the constabulary force. Many run in the races, but it is as yet uncertain as to who shall bear off the prize.

The Misses Lizzie and Kate Hodge, of North East, have been visiting their brother, Rev. Mr. Hodge, of the M. P. Church.

The son of the Rev. and Mrs. Boeam, of the M. E. Church, is on a visit to his parents. He has been for some years residing in the southwest. He is now in ill health. BENTLY BARD.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Washington College Preparing for a Season of Unusual Activity.

Mr. H. N. Perkins, manager of the athletic association, announces that the outlook is for one of the most active and interesting seasons of sport within the history of the college. Active preparations are now being made for the opening of the base-ball season. The tried and ever reliable combination of Burris in the pitcher's box and Zearfoss behind the bat, will again form a puzzling combination for all competitors. There is an abundance of splendid material from which to select, and the other positions will be filled strictly upon the merit of the players. Woodruff, the popular and safe second baseman of last year's triumphs, will if possible be secured for his old position. Beasten will probably preside at the first base, though Brice would make a splendid man for the position. Kendall, a Rock Hall man, and it is stated a fine third baseman, will contest it is expected, with those sturdy players, Carson and Holloway for the honors of guarding the third. Kendall will at least, it is hoped, be given a trial. Now, with this disposition, the field will be magnificently fortified with those old and strong favorites, Messrs. Brice, Blackiston and Polk. Armstrong, Faithful and Goldsborough, all exceedingly brilliant players are contesting for the position at short-stop. Boston is making a strong fight for outfield position.

The new diamond has been cleared, and before the season opens will be thoroughly scraped and put in condition for practice and regular games. All of the leading amateur clubs of the State have been written to, and dates for games asked. The Baltimore papers recently announced that a game between the Washington College and the Baltimore City College team will be played in Chestertown on April 14, and the return game in Baltimore on May 12.

Extensive additions are being made to the apparatus in the gymnasium. A springboard, horse and other necessary appliances have been ordered, and will soon be in place.

Two entertainments are being arranged for, one under the supervision of Prof. Clarke and the other managed by Prof. Pinsley and Mr. Polk, and will be presented shortly after Easter. The proceeds will be devoted to the needs of the athletic association.

Town lovers of athletic sports, and particularly base-ball, will in all probability be called upon to assist us in securing the necessary material in players, etc., for the base-ball season.

KENNEDYVILLE ITEMS.

A Cannery Wanted—The Bird Question and a Plea for Supposed Enemies.

The outlook for the promised additional cannery with 140 acres of tomatoes, is not altogether promising. The projectors, after having made a general survey of the situation, concluded that they did not see their way clear, and would therefore suggest that the growers publish a notice in the Baltimore and Harford county papers with a view to securing the desired operator.

Just now our people are advising and petitioning the Legislature to fix the tenure or terms of our county commissioners, which to say the least of it, is commendable.

Our gunners are not all in accord with the adoption of the Queen Anne's county game law. While in favor of propigating quail birds, would not do so if they are prohibited from shooting until 1895. Again, the English or jack snipe which by this law is included, is one of the most delicious of game birds, and is the only game bird we have in the spring time. It is only found here late in March and a part of April, stopping here two to three weeks on the marshes and low wet lands, when they go north and can be found along the river courses and low wet places of the northern states. They rarely stop here on their return south, should there be any left. Again, bull-bats, owls, crows, black birds, hawks and sparrows are to be slaughtered without mercy. Would it not be well to stop and reflect; the bull-bat is the king bee of insectiveous birds and devours more insects than all the other birds combined. Even the old crow with so few friends, lends a helping hand in gathering cut-worms from your corn fields, and when driven to extremity will brake up rag and other weeds to secure the worm therein deposited, while the owl subsists upon mice almost exclusively. Making the woodcock season Nov. 1st will virtually give them a clear birth, since they rarely remain here after the 15th or 20th of October, when they go south.

The supper given by the M. P. congregation was fairly well attended Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Everything they provided changed hands, while a few who came late went away hungry. It was quite a success and results satisfactory. We are in anticipation of a rich treat to be given by the ladies and gentlemen of Lynch's station at the town hall, on Thursday 22d, 1894. FEBRUARY.

From Still Pond.

The missionary anniversary held in Still Pond M. E. Church last Sunday evening was a success, as is always the case. In the crowded church was an appreciative audience. Mr. James S. Harris' adult Bible class secured the banner, their collection being a little over forty-three dollars, a trifle more than Mrs. Wm. G. Rasin's class, who was expected to secure the emblem of supremacy of memory collections. Total collection was over $234, an elegant collection considering the dullness of business etc.

Sassafras Lodge, No. 120, of the K. of P., celebrate their second anniversary March 13th by holding a banquet in their lodge room. Among the guests who will be invited are Mr. C. Cox Hopper, of the TRANSCRIPT, Mr. F. G. Usilton, of the *News*, and Mr. L. Bates Russell, of the *Enterprise*.

One of the most enjoyable features of the season was the phantom party given Mrs. William Rasin on Tuesday, by a company of young people from Still Pond. About 8 o'clock the ghosts entered the house and took possession. An enjoyable evening was spent by all in various games, instrumental and vocal music. Refreshments were served about 10 o'clock, and as morning was drawing near all repaired to their homes.

STILL POND PERSONALS.

Miss Eva Hopkins, of Wye Mills, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Robt. Bowers.

Miss Busick, of Kennedyville, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in this town.

Miss Robinson, of Wilmington, is visiting at this place.

Miss Verma Krusen, of Wilmington, much improved in health, returned to her home in this town last Saturday. Miss Krusen, as has already been stated, was for a long time extremely ill in Wilmington, where she is a trained nurse.

Mr. Walter Hill, of Baltimore, but formerly with F. H. Harper & Son, spent Sunday at this place. He informs us that he has given up his situation, and expects to take a business course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College.

The entertainment given by Mrs. Rasin's class, of Still Pond S. S., was a grand success. Much credit is due the pupils, as well as Mrs. Rasin, who is a most excellent instructor. BEAU MAUDE.

FROM ROCK HALL.

A Fire Narrowly Averted at the Chesapeake House—Fishing Commenced—Lots of Other Matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, of the Chesapeake House, were given a real scare on Monday last. A stovepipe leading from the kitchen of the hotel and passing through a terra cotta flue set fire to a board on which the jar rested. Just in the nick of time the small but threatening flame was discovered and extinguished. The burning coals fell between the sheathing and weatherboarding, and it was found necessary to pretty thoroughly deluge the place with water. The TRANSCRIPT editor, who remembers with so much pleasure the splendid feasts at the Chesapeake, will doubtless extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lambert that the damage was no more serious.

During the cold weather of last week oysters took an upward move in the scale of prices and brought 30 and 35 cents on the bar. Every little is a help you know.

The fishing season is now on in earnest and the work of the fishermen has commenced. Messrs. George E. Leary & Son have had orders for an amount of net greater than usual, and the general preparation on the part of the fishermen is active and of a most substantial nature. Off Swan Point fairly good fishing has been enjoyed and good prices realized for the catch of rock and perch. Capt. Wm. T. George and John W. Elburn, have entered the lists and will put out pound nets.

Mr. Charles Hynson, a most estimable citizen, after an attack of neuraliga is much improved.

Mr. George E. Lambert, Jr., has struck the nail on the head and has opened a first-class oyster saloon just opposite the Chesapeake House. No one in the district or village should be able to give a more tempting stew or fry than Mr. Lambert. Try his oysters and be convinced.

The entertainment to be given by the members of I. O. G. T. and their friends to-morrow (Friday) evening, promises to be an occasion of royal pleasure. The tickets have gone with a boom and a full house is expected.

Capt. Turner, of the police steamer McLane arrested George Mariner of the schooner H. D. Hazler, and Esquire Wilkins imposed a fine of $25, for having too great a percentage of small oysters in cargo.

Our oystermen have had two good days this week and have worked early and late.

No teacher has as yet been appointed to take the place of Mr. Crosby, as principal of the public school. The classes have been divided, each of the lady teachers taking a portion of the work.

Friend Downey has engaged about one hundred acres of tomatoes for the coming canning season.

Chesapeake Lodge No. 68 K. of P. celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the organization on Monday evening by an oyster supper, and musical and literary entertainment. The young ladies and a number of the older lady friends gave every possible assistance. An opening address was made by P. C. A. B. Frazier. Prof. Eugene Willson, assisted by Messrs. H. St. Clair and Harry Wagner discoursed a number of sweet selections. Misses Nellie Ayres, Bessie Downey and Rhoda Downey rendered charming vocal selections. After the supper and entertainment, the young ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a dance until the wee sma hours. The whole affair was a glorious success.

The entertainment given by the M. E. Church was a success and was universally enjoyed.

New Advertisements.

Messrs. T. R. Hubbard & Son, one of our enterprising fertilizer firms, has in this issue their corn, tomato, truck, grass, etc., advertisement. These gentlemen are always early in the introduction of their goods, and representing as they do a first-class article, are rewarded with large orders. We notice from their testimonials that they sell over a large territory, and have as customers some of the most prosperous and best business men of the peninsula, who have used their goods for years with satisfactory results.

Dr. G. Allen Jarman advertises in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT a finely bred and good driving mare for sale. See advertisement for pedigree.

Mr. J. H. Sides has a change of advertisement in another column. Mr. Sides has moved to the store-room, for several years occupied by Mr. W. S. McDonnell, opposite Stam's Hall. Mr. Sides will enlarge his already fine stock of goods. He has made some improvements in the front and interior of the room.

Hope H. Barroll, as attorney will offer at Mortgagee's sale a valuable saw mill, engine and thresher.

The annual statement of the largest financial institution in the world, the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, appears in this week's issue, which is, indeed,